

Mrs. Wilson Guessed Right When She Planted Tulips.
WASHINGTON, April 5.—Mrs. Wilson's tulips are blooming on the White House lawn. It is said that when she planted the bulbs, before election, her belief was that she would be in the White House this spring to enjoy them. There was considerable merriment among some Republican leaders.



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"The Militia of Mercy wants to be considered a Home Guard," Mrs. John Hays Hammond, its President, told me yesterday.

"Men can go to war and shoot and stab and kill. As always, it is the duty of women to care for women, for children, for the home. And will not men fight all the better if they are not tormented with worry over the material well-being of the families they leave behind? The very flower of America is in the Naval Reserve, and many of these men face a tremendous financial problem when the income drops in a moment from \$75 or \$100 a month to \$12."

We were talking at No. 4 West Forty-ninth Street, the headquarters of the organization which has pledged itself to care for the families of the Naval Reserve and the naval recruits, and has given tangible proof of its ability to provide all necessary help. Mrs. Hammond had just come



from the meeting of the Executive Council of the Militia, at which it was announced that \$20,000 and a large number of automobiles were now ready for the first work of the automobile visiting units, the clear-cut, systematic plan of relief which the Militia of Mercy will follow.

"We represent all the women of New York State," Mrs. Hammond continued, "and I have never attended a conference of women which seemed to be so thoroughly democratic, so typical in its personnel of all groups. There were women of wealth and social position, clubwomen, home women, professional women—all united in the desire to serve."

"And you believe," I asked, "that this mobilization of women is a genuine, permanent thing—not an emotional outburst?"

"Haven't we proved that we could carry on?" demanded Mrs. Hammond. "We were formed, you know, when the Mexican trouble began. Because of the flexibility of our organization we were able to devote our resources to the after care of little sufferers from infantile paralysis, when that seemed a work which needed women. Now we shall be a Home Guard, but, in war or peace, we are organized to last."

"How soon will your war relief

work begin?" I asked Mrs. Hammond. "Just as soon as the women of this country are united in a community of suffering," she replied. "When the first panics and privations are felt it will be time for rich women to sympathize with rich women."

"The fine thing about the Naval Reserve is its democratizing influence. In it are your son, my son, my washwoman's son, my chauffeur, the boy who at the hotel where I dine—all working together for their country's good. There is nothing like military service to bring together men from all walks of life, and I believe that the war relief work undertaken by our women will teach them a wonderful lesson in democracy."

This is the letter which Mrs. Hammond received from Secretary Daniels, accepting the proffered services of the Militia of Mercy:

My Dear Madam: The department heartily approves the plan of the Militia of Mercy to assist the families of the Naval Militia who are left in need by the mobilization of the Naval Militia.

I am sure that if the officers and men of the Naval Militia have the knowledge that their families will be cared for in their absence by the patriotic women of America, that they naturally will answer the call to the colors with lighter hearts and greater promptitude. The department will cheerfully render any appropriate assistance to the Militia of Mercy that is within its power.

I will be pleased to have you bring before the Executive Council the department's appreciation of the work it proposes to do. Moreover, you are at liberty to make this letter public should you so desire.

Very cordially yours,
JOSEPHUS DANIELS,
Secretary of the Navy.

Anybody who wants to contribute

an automobile or a check or hours of personal service to the Militia of Mercy for visiting and helping the families of the men who form our first line of defense, should apply to No. 4 West Forty-ninth Street.

Many women are registering daily at the new office of the American Red Cross, No. 20 East Thirty-sixth Street, for the ten weeks' course in civilian war relief offered by the New York School of Philanthropy. The course is in charge of Porter H. Lee of the regular staff of the School of Philanthropy, and includes both lectures and field work. The women who take the course must devote to it not less than twenty-one hours a week, and must consider themselves subject to call to active service.

The enlistment of large numbers of men in the army and navy will leave their families facing many serious problems due to the unsettling of the conditions of normal living. The absence of the husband which puts double responsibility upon the wife for the care and guidance of children, are some of these problems. Civilian relief will give not only money allowances to the families of soldiers and sailors, but will try to meet and satisfy many of the abnormal conditions of war time. The first class in this war relief course starts next Wednesday, April 11, at 4 o'clock in the Assembly Hall of the United Charities Building, No. 105 East Twenty-third Street.

Archibald Thatcher of the Military Training Camps' Association speaks on "Military Training for Boys" at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the rooms of the National Special Aid Society, No. 259 Fifth Avenue, and the society's class in surgical dressings meets at 10 o'clock this morning.

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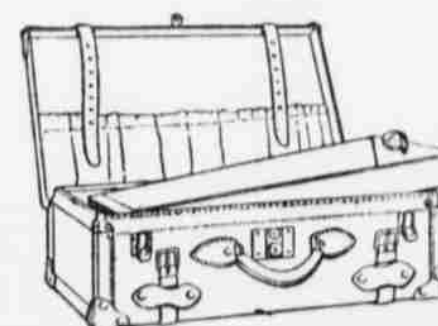
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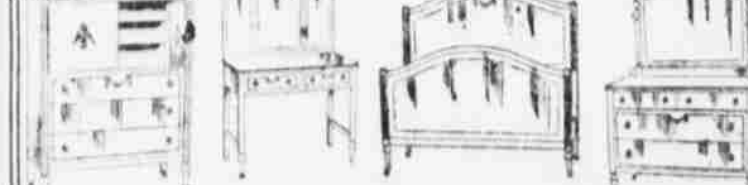
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